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Prepare a Home Inventory Before Disaster Strikes

BOISE ID – With the recent Boise fire on everyone's mind, now is an ideal time for all Idahoans to make preparations to protect their homes and personal belongings. A good place to start is with a home inventory.

"To make the claims process easier if you suffer a loss, it's helpful to have a complete list of the belongings in your home," said Idaho Department of Insurance Director Bill Deal. A home inventory form is available for consumers on the Department's website, www.doi.idaho.gov.

The inventory should include all vital information about the belongings (brand name, price, purchase date, model, serial number and receipts) and should be accompanied by photos of the items. The more detail included, the easier it will be for insurance companies to evaluate a loss.

Make sure to open drawers and closets, and don't forget to take stock of items in garages and storage buildings. "Once you have completed your inventory, be sure to save a copy off-site," said Deal.

Idahoans are urged to have 24-hour contact details for their insurance agents and insurance companies. "Take time now to review your policy to be sure you are adequately covered. Talk to your agent about questions you may have about your coverage," said Deal.

The Department of Insurance encourages consumers to call with insurance-related questions or concerns, 334-4250 in Boise, or 800-721-3272 toll free statewide.

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